

**A TAPE APPLICATOR AND
METHODS OF APPLYING TAPE TO A SURFACE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A tape applicator. A preferred embodiment of the invention provides a tape applicator having a tape head, a x-axis actuator for moving the tape head in the x-axis direction, and a y-axis actuator for moving the tape head in the y-axis direction. The tape head preferably includes: i) a base; ii) a tape roll holder attached to the base; iii) a tape application roller attached to the base for applying the tape to a surface; iv) a cutter
10 attached to the base for cutting tape to form a removeable portion of a tape; and v) a remover attached to the base for removing the removeable portion of the tape. The present invention also relates to methods of applying tape to a surface.